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For: SWITCHING REGULATOR AND METHOD  
FOR SWITCHING OUTPUT VOLTAGE  
THEREOF

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.